


Title: Authorization for Use of Approved Medical Directives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> SOP
Category: Quality Management Dept/Prog/Service: Base Hospital Program	Distribution: NW Region Ambulance Operators & Paramedics
Approved: Program Medical Director & Program Manager	Approval Date: January 2011 Reviewed/Revised Date: April 2017
Signature: 	

1. PURPOSE

This policy outlines the authorization for all levels of certified land ambulance paramedics to use approved medical directives when employed and on duty for a certified ambulance service within the NW Region.

2. DEFINITIONS

- i. Paramedic: means a paramedic as defined in subsection 1(1) of the Ambulation Act Ontario Regulation 257/00
- ii. Primary Care Paramedic (PCP): means a paramedic as defined in subsection 8 (1) of the Ambulation Act Ontario Regulation 257/00
- iii. Advanced Care Paramedics (ACP): means a paramedic as defined in subsection 8 (2) of the Ambulation Act Ontario Regulation 257/00

3. PROCEDURE

- a) The NW Region Base Hospital will use current medical directives, as approved by the Provincial Medical Advisory Committee (PMAC) of the Ontario Base Hospital Group (OBHG).
- b) Qualified paramedics will be authorized by the program medical director of the NW Region Base Hospital to use current medical directives as approved by the Provincial Medical Advisory (PMAC) Committee of the Ontario Base Hospital Group (OBHG).
- c) The certified paramedic will use only the approved medical directives which they have been authorized to perform by the program medical director of the NW Region Base Hospital; specific to their level of practice
- d) Paramedics may be authorized to use (medical directive) associated local protocol and policy & procedure as approved by the program medical director. For example STEMI and stroke by-pass or offload delay.

4. RELATED PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

- i. *Ambulance Act (Ontario) and Ontario Regulation 257/00*
- ii. *Emergency Health Services Branch (EHSB), Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-term care (MOHLTC) and Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC) Performance Agreement (PA), 2008*
- iii. *Provincial Medical Advisory Committee (PMAC) Approved Medical Directives*

5. REFERENCES

- i. *EHSB MOHLTC Basic Life Saving (BLS) & Advanced Life Saving (ALS) Patient Care Standards(PCS), 2017*